

*Sub B2
CnA/B
A*

24. The method according to claim 22, wherein said molecule or molecular complex comprises amino acids 17-392 of CnA, CnB, FKBP12 and FK506.

REMARKS

THE AMENDMENTS

Applicants have canceled claims 1-12 and 14-18 from the present application pursuant to the Examiner's Restriction. This amendment is without prejudice and without waiver of applicants' right to prosecute the subject matter of these claims in subsequent applications claiming priority herefrom.

Applicants have canceled claim 13 and recited its subject matter in added claims 19-24. These amendments are discussed below in the context of the Examiner's Restriction.

None of the above amendments adds any new subject matter.

THE RESTRICTION

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121, the Examiner has required a restriction of the present application to one of the following five groups:

Group I: claims 1-6, drawn to a crystal CnA protein;

Group II: claims 7-12, drawn to a machine readable storage medium storing crystallographic coordinate data;

Group III: claim 13, drawn to a method of evaluating binding association of a ligand;

Group IV: claims 14-15, drawn to a method of utilizing molecular replacement for structure determination; and

Group V: claims 16-18, drawn to a method of preparing CnA/CnB/FKBP12/FK506 crystal.

Applicants elect Group III, claim 13, for further prosecution in the present application. Consistent with this election, applicants have canceled non-elected claims 1-12 and 14-18 without prejudice.

As noted above, applicants have canceled claim 13 and recited its subject matter in added claims 19-24. This amendment was necessitated by the reference to canceled claims 1-6 in claims 13, as filed. Added claims 19-24 recite separately the limitations previously recited in claim 13. Thus, the scope of claims 19-24 is identical to that of canceled claim 13.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing remarks, applicants request that the Examiner enter the above amendments and allow the claims to pass to issue.

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